



## 97<sup>th</sup> (Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment Royal Artillery

### The Second World War 1939 – 1945

The 6th (Kent) Army Brigade, Royal Field Artillery was formed by the amalgamation of The Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (The Duke of Connaught's Own), and The West Kent Yeomanry (Queen's Own), in 1920. In 1921 it became the 97th (Kent Yeomanry) Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, consisting of the Canterbury based 385th, and 386th Ashford based (Duke of Connaught's Own Yeomanry) Batteries, and the Bromley based 387th and the Maidstone based 388th (Queen's Own Yeomanry) Batteries. In 1938 the unit was re-designated as the 97th (Kent Yeomanry) Army Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, and in 1939 the 143rd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (Kent Yeomanry) was formed as a duplicate of 97th Regiment, as part of the Territorial Army, with 385th and 387th Batteries. It served with 5th Infantry Division, during the Fall of France, seeing action at St. Valery-en-Caux in June 1940, before destroying its guns and equipment prior to being evacuated at Dunkirk. The regiment then served in the 10th Army as part of the 10th Indian Division in Iraq during 1941, by which time the 470th Battery had been formed. It joined 7th Armoured Division in July 1942, and remained with it until December 1942. In 1942 it was re-titled as the 97th (Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, and in October 1943 it rejoined 10th Indian Division, serving in North Africa, Palestine and Italy, until the end of the war. In 1947 it became the 297th (Kent Yeomanry) Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery, before being disbanded. During the war, those members of the regiment who perished during the tragic sinking of the S.S. Scillin on 14 November 1942 were the most casualties suffered by the 97th (Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery on a particular date. It was noted whilst carrying out the following brief commemorations that several of those who died were Welsh, which for an English county Yeomanry unit seemed a bit strange. All was made clear by Major (Retd) Jack Bazzard, R.A., M.C., who joined the regiment pre war as a Gunner at Ashford, Kent, and told the transcriber that he remembers the influx of the Welshmen occurring when the regiment was based in South Wales, and that he had helped to train them when he was a Sergeant.

**ALLFREY**, Captain, MAURICE CHARLES, 71869, D.S.O.

Died 1 July 1942. Aged 26.

Born Hertfordshire. Resided Kent.

Son of Major Charles Moubray Allfrey and Violet Emily Allfrey of 'Beresford,' Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone, Kent.

Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref. XXIV. B. 20.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery. During the Great War, Maurice's father served in the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment).

**ANDERSON**, WILLIAM THOMAS. Lance Bombadier, 6337018.

Died 12 November 1944. Aged 41.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Alfred and Annie Anderson of Bromley, Kent.

Husband of Doris Winifred Anderson of Bromley, Kent.

Buried Milan War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: II. C. 14.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**ANGUS**, Gunner, LOUIS DAVID, 1104380.

Died 19 June 1942. Aged 28.

Born Dundee, Scotland. Resided West London.

Son of John and Louisa Duncan Angus of Wimbledon, Surrey.

Buried Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya. Grave Ref. 10. B. 14.

Commemorated on the City of Dundee, Scotland, Second World War, Roll of Honour.

**AUSTEN**, Gunner, DERRICK STANLEY, 1578835.

Died 1 July 1942. Aged 23.

Born and resided Kent.

Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref. XXIV. B. 11.

**AUSTEN**, Gunner, EDWARD JAMES CHARLES, 895187.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 23.

Born and resided Canterbury, Kent.

Son of William John and Florence May Austen of Canterbury, Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39, and on the Canterbury, Kent civic war memorial.

**BARRON**, Gunner, WILLIAM ASHBY WHITBY, 914348.

Died 13 October 1942. Aged 22.

Born Hampshire. Resided Hertfordshire.

Son of William Barron and Anne Barron of Letchworth, Hertfordshire.

Buried Caserta War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. IV, A, 16.

Commemorated on the Letchworth, Hertfordshire civic war memorial.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**BARTLETT**, Gunner, SIDNEY JAMES, 990018.  
Died 3 September 1942. Aged 22.  
Born East London.  
Son of Frederick James Bartlett and Alice Bartlett.  
Husband of Barbara Joan Bartlett of Forest Gate, Essex.  
Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref. XII. F. 15.

**BASSETT**, Gunner, HARRY FRANCIS, 990019.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 22.  
Born and resided East London.  
Son of Alfred Ebenezer Bassett and Violet Adeline Constance Bassett of Leytonstone, Essex.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

**BASTERFIELD**, Bombardier, JAMES RICHARD, 819024.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 29.  
Born Worcestershire. Resided Worcester, Worcestershire.  
Son of Ernest and Elizabeth Basterfield.  
Husband of Gladys M. Basterfield of Hasbury, Worcestershire.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.  
Pr war member of the Royal Artillery.

**BEWSHER**, Gunner, JOHN DAVID GODFRY, 859287.  
Died 20 June 1940. Aged 25.  
Born Surrey. Resided Kent.  
Son of John David and Winifred Louise Bewsher of Teston, Maidstone, Kent.  
Buried S.S. Peter and Paul Churchyard, Teston, Maidstone, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Teston, Maidstone, Kent civic war memorial.  
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**BIGGLESTON**, Lieutenant, DESMOND HERBERT, 99265.  
Died 1 July 1942. Aged 27.  
Born Canterbury, Kent. Resided Kent.  
Son of Herbert and Maud Emily Biggleston of Canterbury, Kent.  
Husband of Margaret Biggleston.  
Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref. XXIV. B. 19.  
Commemorated on the Canterbury, Kent civic war memorial.  
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**BINGHAM**, WALTER HOWARD. Lance Sergeant, 922202.  
385 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.  
Died 11 July 1942. Aged 22.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Son of Walter Howard Bingham and Emily Ruth Bingham of Leigh Green, Tenterden, Kent.  
Buried Phaleron War Cemetery, Greece. Grave Ref: 10. B. 16.

Commemorated on Second World War memorial plaque located in Tenterden, Kent (St. Mildred's) parish church.

Pre war Territorial Army member of the Royal Artillery, Walter served with 385 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, based at the Drill Hall, Newtown Road, Ashford, Kent.

**BINT, FRANCIS WILLIAM**, Gunner, 930027.

Died 9 July 1944. Aged 26.

Born and resided Worcestershire.

Son of William Henry and Gladys Annie Bint of Redditch, Worcestershire.

Buried Assisi War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: X. C. 2.

**BIRCH**, Bombardier, **ROBERT ARTHUR**, 900345.

Died 3 November 1942. Aged 25.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Edward and Elizabeth Birch.

Husband of Joan Birch of Maidstone, Kent.

Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref. IX. E. 10.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**BLOOMFIELD, KENNETH GEORGE**. Gunner, 892770.

Died 14 November 1942. Aged 25.

Born Sussex. Resided Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 34.

Pr war member of the Royal Artillery.

**BROOKS**. G.A.A. Gunner. No trace.

**BOURNE**, Lance Serjeant, **ALFRED BEATY HORATIO GEORGE**, 891912.

Died 18 June 1942. Aged 22.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of A. G. and Lily Bourne.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

Pr war member of the Royal Artillery.

**BOWERMAN**, D Gunner. No trace.

**BURGESS, LESLIE GEORGE** (Jock). Sergeant, 861528. (385 Battery).

Died 16 June 1942. Aged 23.

Born Glamorganshire, Wales. Resided Kent.

Son of Alfred Douglas and Gladys Burgess of Chatham, Kent.

Buried Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya. Grave Ref: 10. C. 2.

Commemorated on Second World War memorial plaque located in Tenterden, Kent (St. Mildred's) parish church.

Although Welsh by birth, Leslie, who played football for Tenterden Town pre war, had the nickname "Jock." Pre war Territorial Army member of the Royal Artillery, Leslie

served with 385 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, based at the Drill Hall, Newtown Road, Ashford, Kent.

**BUTLER.** L.R. Gunner. No trace.

**CLARKE, ARTHUR.** Gunner, 908547.

385 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery.

Died 1 July 1942. Aged 42.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Frederick and Florence Kate Clarke.

Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref: XXIV. B. 12.

Commemorated on Second World War memorial plaque located in Tenterden, Kent (St. Mildred's) parish church.

Pre war Territorial Army member of the Royal Artillery, Arthur served with 385 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, based at the Drill Hall, Newtown Road, Ashford, Kent.

**COLE,** Gunner, RICHARD DANIEL, 1104305.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 28.

Born and resided Glamorganshire, Wales.

Son of James George and Florence Cole of Seven Sisters, Glamorganshire, Wales.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

**COLLARD,** Bombardier, SYDNEY JAMES, 908568

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 32.

Born and resided Kent.

Husband of G. E. Collard of Canterbury, Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39, and on the Canterbury, Kent civic war memorial.

Pr war member of the Royal Artillery.

**CONNELL,** Second Lieutenant, HAMISH ALISTAIR, B.A., LL.B. 88325.

Died 12 June 1940.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Thomas B. and Edith M. C. Connell.

Husband of Isobel Mary Connell of Oxted, Surrey.

Commemorated on the Dunkirk Memorial, Nord, France. Column 17.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**COTTER,** Gunner, JOHN HENRY, 1104306.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 31.

Born and resided Cardiff, Wales.

Son of John Henry and Florence Cotter.

Husband of V. M. Cotter of Cardiff, Wales.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

**CRONSHAW**, Gunner, JAMES, 1083190.  
Died 15 December 1944. Aged 24.  
Born and resided Lancashire.  
Son of Thomas and Hannah Cronshaw of Darwen, Lancashire.  
Buried Forli War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. V. C. 13.

**CROWN**. Lance Bombadier. No trace.

**DINES**, Gunner, SIDNEY JOSEPH, 990312  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 29.  
Born South West London. Resided Middlesex.  
Son of Herbert Joseph Dines and of Ellen Adelaide Mary Dines of St. Austell, Cornwall.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

**EMERY**, Gunner, GEORGE FREDERICK STEPHEN, 954825.  
Died 29 April 1942. Aged 24.  
Born and resided Southampton, Hampshire.  
Son of Stephen George and Elsie Louisa Emery of Shirley, Southampton, Hampshire.  
Mosul War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref. 1. A. 9.

**EPPS**, SIDNEY CHARLES. Gunner, 899458.  
52 (Manchester) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery. (Territorial Army).  
Died 9 June 1940. Aged 24.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Son of Sydney Charles and Lilly Annie Epps of Ashford, Kent.  
Buried Viroflay New Communal Cemetery, Yvelines, France.  
Grave Ref: Row B. Grave 3.  
Commemorated on the Ashford, Kent civic war memorial, also commemorated in Christchurch Church, South Ashford, Kent  
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.  
Commemorated by the CWGC as being a member of the 52 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery. Sidney is named on the Roll of Honour of the 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, at some time in his war service Sidney had probably served in both units resulting in the conflicting entries. As the 386 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, (Territorial Army) was based at the Drill Hall, Newtown, Ashford, Kent; it would seem likely that Sidney had been a pre war member of the battery.

**ETHERIDGE**, Gunner, RONALD ERNEST, 1093962.  
Died 12 February 1943. Aged 22.  
Born and resided Ipswich, Suffolk.  
Son of Ernest John and Isobel Etheridge of Ipswich, Suffolk.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

**EUESDEN**, Gunner, GEORGE CHARLES WILLIAM, 992869.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 29.

Born and resided East London.

Husband of C. Euesden of Barnehurst, Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

**EVANS**, Gunner, GWILYM LLEWELLYN, 1104315.

Died 1 November 1942. Aged 32.

Born and resided Denbighshire, North Wales.

Son of William and Elizabeth Ann Evans of Denbigh, Denbighshire, North Wales.

Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref. III. A. 26.

**FERGUSON**, Gunner, ROBERT ALISTAIR, 986009.

Died 8 August 1943. Aged 26.

Born Sunderland. Resided Manchester, Lancashire.

Son of William and Jane Ann Ferguson of Urmston, Manchester, Lancashire.

Buried Fayid War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref. 5. G. 3.

**FINCHAM**, Gunner, JOHN ROBERT FREDERICK, 871801.

Died between 28 June 1942 and 29 June 1942. Aged 23.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of John Henry and Bertha Emily Fincham of Barming, Maidstone, Kent.

Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref. XXXI. C. 28.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**FLISHER**, Gunner, GEORGE W., 896380.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 34.

Born Surrey. Resided Kent.

Husband of Ada A. Flisher of Maidstone, Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**FROST**, Bombardier, WILFRID ARTHUR, 912674.

Died between 17 June 1942 and 22 June 1942. Aged 26.

Born South East London. Resided Kent.

Son of Percy Arthur and Rosa Frost.

Husband of Marjorie Eileen Frost of Llandaff North, Cardiff, Wales.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**GAWLER**, Gunner, HENRY, 891564.

Died 19 June 1942. Aged 26.

Born and resided Canterbury, Kent.

Husband of M. Gawler of Canterbury, Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39, and on the Canterbury, Kent civic war memorial.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**GOODY**, Gunner, FRED, 14221055.

Died 21 May 1944. Aged 20.

Born and resided Manchester, Lancashire.

Son of Henry and Doris Goody of Blackley, Manchester, Lancashire.

Buried Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. XV. C. 28.

**GREEN**, Gunner, HORACE GEORGE, 1083516.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 31.

Born and resided Sussex.

Son of Edward John and Mary Ann Green, of Chichester, Sussex.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

**GRIFFIN**, Gunner, ALBERT JAMES, 1104320.

Died 28 June 1942. Aged 26.

Son of George and Norah Griffin.

Born and resided Swansea, Wales.

Husband of Annie Irene Griffin of Treboeth, Swansea, Wales.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

**GROOM**, Gunner, CHARLES WILLIAM ERNEST, 918426.

Died 16 June 1942. Aged 22.

Born and resided Hertfordshire.

Son of Ernest and Dora Groom of Whitwell, Hertfordshire.

Buried Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Libya. Grave Ref. 4. D. 18.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**HAGUE**, Bombardier, RONALD WILLIAM, 892277.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 31.

Born Reading, Berkshire. Resided Kent.

Son of Henry William and Sophia Hague, of Purley, Surrey.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

Pr war member of the Royal Artillery.

**HAMILL**, Gunner, JOHN MOORE, 3447522.

Died 3 July 1944. Aged 25.

Born and resided Lancashire.

Son of Annie Hamill.

Buried Assisi War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. X, D, 12.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.



**HAMMOND**, Gunner, ALEC STANLEY, 870418.

Died 9 December 1944. Aged 34.

Born Essex. Resided Kent.

Son of Hubert Stanley Hammond and Miriam Jane Hammond.

Husband of Margaret Jessie Hammond of Orpington, Kent.

Buried Faenza War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. I. D. 16.

Commemorated on the Orpington, Kent civic war memorial.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**HARRIS**, Warrant Officer Class II (B.S.M.) PERCY GEORGE, 732476.

Died 16 June 1942. Aged 39.

Resided Canterbury, Kent.

Son of John and Louisa Jane Harris of Canterbury, Kent.

Husband of Rose May Harris of Canterbury, Kent.

Buried Knightsbridge War Cemetery, Acroma, Libya. Grave Ref. 3. G. 25.

Commemorated on the Canterbury, Kent civic war memorial.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**HARVEY**, Gunner, DONALD VICTOR, 14269623.

Died 27 April 1944. Aged 20.

Born and resided Essex.

Son of Harry and Minnie Harvey of Chadwell Heath, Essex.

Buried Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. XV. E. 45.

**HASTE**, Bombardier, ALBERT VICTOR, 1504974.

Died 23 December 1943. Aged 25.

Born Yorkshire. Enlisted Hampshire.

Son of Frederick Charles and Isabella Helen Haste.

Husband of Ethel Rhoda Haste of Fareham, Hampshire.

Buried Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. XIV. A. 17.

Commemorated on the Fareham, Hampshire civic war memorial.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**HILLS**, Serjeant, GEORGE, 834688.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 25.

Born and resided Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

Pr war member of the Royal Artillery.

**HOBBS**, Serjeant, ALBERT GEORGE, 914141.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 28.

Born and resided Kent.

Husband of A. A. Hobbs of Blean, Canterbury, Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39, and on the Canterbury, Kent civic war memorial.

Pr war member of the Royal Artillery.

**HOWLETT**, Lance Bombardier, GEORGE JAMES HENRY, 854064.  
Died 1 November 1942. Aged 25.  
Born South East London. Resided Kent.  
Buried El Alamein War Cemetery, Egypt. Grave Ref. V. F. 5.  
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**HUGHES**, Gunner, JOHN GWYNFORD, 1083418.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 31.  
Born Swansea, Wales. Resided Glamorganshire, Wales.  
Son of Edward and Ann Hughes.  
Husband of Winnifred Nellie Hughes of Three Crosses, Glamorganshire, Wales.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**HULLIS**, Gunner, LEONARD BENJAMIN, 962423.  
Died 31 March 1945. Aged 27.  
Born and resided Ipswich, Suffolk.  
Buried Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Germany. Grave Ref. 10. A. 9.

**JANES**, Gunner, DONALD, 834383.  
Died 1 July 1942. Aged 26.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Son of Arthur and Agnes Frances Janes of Ashford, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.  
Pr war member of the Royal Artillery.

**JENKINS**, Gunner, GLYNDWYR THOMAS, 1104331.  
Died 18 June 1942. Aged 31.  
Born and resided Glamorganshire, Wales.  
Son of Thomas and Eleanor Mary Jenkins of Neath, Glamorganshire, Wales.  
Husband of Nancy Jenkins of Skewen, Neath, Glamorganshire, Wales.  
Buried Tobruk War Cemetery, Libya. Grave Ref. 10. B. 11.

**JILLIANS**, Gunner, LEONARD WILLIAM JAMES, 894008.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Age 22.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Son of Leonard Jillians, and of Florence Jillians of Shoreham, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.  
Pr war member of the Royal Artillery.

**JONES**, Gunner, EDWARD SAMUEL, 1104334.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 33.  
Born Denbighshire, Wales. Resided Merionethshire,  
Husband of Eleanor Maud Jones of Llanllechid, Caernarvonshire, Wales.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**JONES**, Gunner, ROBERT, 1083429.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 31.  
Born and resided Cheshire.  
Son of Joseph Edward and Nellie Jones.  
Husband of O. Jones of Shotton, Cheshire.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**KAY**, Lance Bombardier, NORMAN DOUGLAS, 905441.  
Died 10 November 1940. Aged 19.  
Born Croydon, Surrey. Enlisted Northamptonshire.  
Son of Gladys Ivy Stanton of Peterborough, Northamptonshire.  
Buried Carmarthen Cemetery, Carmarthenshire, Wales. Grave Ref. Sec. K. Grave 1.  
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**KELLY**, Gunner, GEORGE WILLIAM. 1104396.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 31.  
Born East London. Resided Essex.  
Son of George William and Rebecca Kelly.  
Husband of Violet Rose Kelly of Barkingside, Ilford, Essex.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**LAMBOURNE**, Gunner, GEORGE ALEXANDER, 1074501.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 31.  
Born and resided Reading, Berkshire.  
Son of William and Annie Lambourne.  
Husband of Alice M. M. Lambourne of Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**LIDDIATT**, Gunner, FREDERICK THOMAS, 1085875.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 26.  
Born and resided Bristol, Gloucestershire.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**MacLEOD**, Gunner, KENNETH MURRAY, 14315035.  
Died 20 November 1944. Aged 22.  
Born and resided Inverness, Scotland.  
Son of Kenneth and Catherine MacLeod of Inverness, Scotland.  
Buried Forli War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. IV, C, 4.

**MARR**, Gunner, DAVID TERENCE MURRAY, 901227.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 22.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.  
Pre War member of the Royal Artillery.

**MARSH**, Bombardier, FREDERICK PERCY, 844161.  
Died 5 August 1945. Aged 28.  
Resided Canterbury, Kent.  
Son of Frederick Percy and Laura Ann Marsh of Radley, Berkshire.  
Buried Udine War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. III. C. 5.  
Commemorated on the Canterbury, Kent civic war memorial.  
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**MARSHALL**, Gunner, BERNARD MICHAEL, 887879.  
Died 8 July 1944. Aged 24.  
Born and resided North London.  
Son of John Joseph and Marie Louise Marshall of Palmers Green, Middlesex.  
Buried Assisi War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. X, E, 8.  
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**McCULLIN**, Gunner, JOHN, 972548.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 24.  
Born West London. Resided North West London.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**McGARVA**, Gunner, DAVID, 929537.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 26.  
Born and resided Ayr, Scotland.  
Son of John and Maggie McGarva.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**MEEKINGS**, Bombardier, ALLAN JAMES, 890649.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 25.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Son of Albert James Meekings and Marie Hermione Meekings of Herne Bay, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39, and on the Herne Bay, Kent civic war memorial.  
Pre War member of the Royal Artillery.

**MOLINEUX**, Gunner, RAYMOND DONALD, 903256.  
Died 1 July 1942. Aged 20.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Son of Dennis Herbert and Elsie May Molineux of Royal Tunbridge Wells. Kent.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.  
Pre War member of the Royal Artillery.

**MORRISON**, Gunner, LESLIE HENRY, 917847.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 27.  
Born and resided South East London.  
Son of Charles Frederick Henry and Annie Jane Morrison of Brockley, London.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.  
Pre War member of the Royal Artillery.

**MURPHY**, Gunner, THOMAS IRVINE, 922472.

Died 21 May 1944. Aged 25.

Born and resided Glasgow, Scotland.

Son of William and Tessie Murphy of Glasgow, Scotland.

Buried Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. XV. C. 26.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**MURRELL**, BERNARD WILLIAM. Gunner, 852835.

Died 12 June 1940. Aged 25.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Harold and Ellen Murrell of Ashford, Kent.

Husband of Alice Murrell of Ashford, Kent.

Buried St. Valery-en-Caux, Franco-British Cemetery, Seine-Maritime, France.

Grave Ref: C. 15.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery. Bernard was probably a member of 385 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, which was based at the Drill Hall, Newtown Road, Ashford, Kent, pre Second World War. The Evacuation of part of the British Expeditionary Forces from 30 May 1940 to 4 June 1940 at Dunkirk, France has been well known and documented over the years, and the statement issued at the time by the Prime Minister has probably added to the myth that France was at that time then standing alone. In truth there was at the time of his morale boosting statement, approximately 200,000 British officers and other ranks still fighting a rear guard action in France. On the night of 11 June 1940, 385 Battery was at St. Valéry-en-Caux, Seine-Maritime, France, and was acting as part of the inner circle of defence, under orders to keep the enemy at bay at all costs, whilst the 51st (Highland) Division commanded by Major-General V M Fortune were evacuated from France. The division had been tasked with recapturing the 'Abbeville Bridgehead' on the Somme. Unfortunately the plan suffered from poor co-ordination between Allied artillery, tanks and infantry, and the attack on 4 June resulted in heavy casualties. The enemy launched a counter attack the following day, outflanking the Allies, and trapping the 51st (Highland) Division and elements of the French 9th Army Corps, who withdrew to the coastal town of St Valéry-en-Caux which 385 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, was stoically defending. Major-General Fortune requested to be evacuated on 11 June, but the Germans were determined to avoid a repartition of Dunkirk, and resulting from same, four divisions were put into attack to prevent an evacuation. Despite fierce Allied defence, the 7th Panzers soon held cliff-top ground overlooking the harbour, making an evacuation dangerous and virtually impossible. The 51st (Highland) Division conducting an heroic but desperate defence against the advancing Germans while trying, but unfortunately without success, to eject the 7th Panzers from their positions. Having destroyed their guns as ordered, 385 Battery, personnel marched down into the harbour area of Valéry-en-Caux, only to find that there were no ships waiting to evacuate them. Major Mullens the Battery Commander, later led his men back into woods located above the town and waited there until nightfall. That same night of 11 June was Major-General Fortune's division's last chance to evacuate, but he remained unable to contact the ships that he hoped would rescue him and his men. During the night Major-Genera Fortune was still hoping for evacuation, and elements of his 51st (Highland) Division were still

mounting counter attacks, when the French surrendered, and Major-General Fortune realised that his position was hopeless and also surrendered, on the same day that Bernard Murrell died. It is possible that Bernard lost his life due to 'friendly fire,' as having spoken to a number of veterans who survived the events at Valéry-en-Caux in June 1940, they have made mention of the shelling by Royal Navy ships of the German positions, and that some shells causing several British deaths, primarily it would seem amongst those who had become prisoners of war.

**NEAL**, Lance Serjeant, JOHN BRITTENDEN, 867002.

Died 10 December 1942. Aged 26.

Born South East London. Resided Middlesex.

Buried Ancona War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. III. A. 17.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**NEALE**, Gunner, DONALD WILLIAM, 14266513.

Died 21 May 1944. Aged 20.

Born and resided North London.

Son of Nathaniel and Ethel Neale.

Husband of Constance Janet Ann Neale of Sheffield, Yorkshire.

Buried Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. XV. C. 27.

**NORRINGTON**, Gunner, ALBERT WILLIAM, 879401.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942.

Born and resided Canterbury, Kent.

Son of Shirly Arthur and Minnie Jane Norrington.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40, and on the Canterbury, Kent civic war memorial.

Pre War member of the Royal Artillery.

**OXLEY**, Gunner, LEONARD WILLIAM FREDERICK, 887855.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 26.

Born and resided Canterbury, Kent.

Son of George and Emily Oxley.

Husband of Sybil Daphne Oxley, of Herne Bay, Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40, and on the Canterbury, Kent civic war memorial.

Pre War member of the Royal Artillery.

**PALMER**, Gunner (Signaller), CHENERY, 1088808.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 32.

Born Cambridgeshire 28 August 1910. Resided March, Cambridgeshire.

Son of Albert and Flora Palmer of 27 Henson Road, March, Cambridgeshire.

Husband of Joyce Margaret Palmer of Newlands Avenue, March, Cambridgeshire.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40, and on the March, Cambridgeshire civic war memorial.

Cheney was captured in Libya on 29 June 1942, he had attended the Grammar School at March, Cambridgeshire from 3 May 1922 until 29 October 1925, and where he is commemorated on a Second World War memorial plaque located in the main hall of the Neale-Wade Community College, March, Cambridgeshire.

**PARKINSON**, Gunner, ROBERT, 843127.

Died 29 September 1943. Age 27.

Born County Durham. Resided Durham City.

Buried Sidon War Cemetery, Lebanese Republic. Grave Ref. I. C. 8.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**PARR**, Gunner, HAROLD, 1111216.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 24.

Born and resided Wallasey, Cheshire.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Parr.

Husband of Mabel Parr of Birkenhead, Cheshire.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**PARSONS**, Gunner, JAMES HENRY, 892777.

Died 19 June 1942. Aged 33.

Born and resided Canterbury, Kent.

Husband of L. Parsons of Canterbury, Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40, and on the Canterbury, Kent civic war memorial.

Pre War member of the Royal Artillery.

**PERKINS**, Gunner, GEOFFREY ALLEN, 990033.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 22.

Born East London. Resided Essex.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**PHILLIPS**, Lance Bombardier, PHILIP WILLIAM, 917730.

Died 29 June 1942. Aged 22.

Born Staffordshire. Resided Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

**PIDDUCK**, Staff Serjeant, CLIFFORD HENRY, 1061889.

Died between 16 June 1942 and 22 June 1942. Aged 31.

Born Devonshire. Resided Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

Son of Leigh and Beatrice Alexandra Pidduck.

Husband of O. A. Pidduck of Rawreth, Wickford, Essex.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**POOLE**, Gunner, ERIC GEORGE, 1092634.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 27.  
Born and resided Suffolk.  
Son of Frank and Edith Webb Poole of Haverhill, Suffolk.  
Husband of Dorothy Ruth Poole of Haverhill, Suffolk.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**POTTER**, Gunner, FRANK EDWARD, 981950.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 27.  
Born and resided South East London.  
Son of David Albert and Winifred Ethel Potter.  
Husband of Winifred Violet Potter of Camberwell, London.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**PULLIN**, Gunner, JAMES HENRY, 936850.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 24.  
Born and resided Cumberland.  
Son of William George and Dinah Pullin of Whitehaven, Cumberland.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**RELF**, CHARLES TILDEN. Gunner, 894010.  
Died 6 June 1940. Aged 19.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Son of Charles William and Margaret Ellen Relf of Ashford, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Dunkirk Memorial, Nord, France. Column 17.  
Commemorated on the Ashford, Kent, civic war memorial, and is also commemorated on a Second World War memorial plaque in (Christchurch Church), South Ashford, Kent.  
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery. Charles was probably a member of 385 Battery, 97 (The Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, which was based at the Drill Hall, Newtown Road, Ashford, Kent, pre Second World War. Having been assigned an area near the village of Huppy, to the south of the city of Abbeville, Somme, France in an attempt to stem the Germans. The regiment had been moved to make way for the guns of the 31st French Divisional Artillery. The 'Battle of Abbeville 1940,' was in fact really three separate battles, but overall was amongst the most intense of the 1940 campaign, and was of ten days duration. On 20 May 1940 as part of the German Blitzkrieg, the German forces, notably the 2nd Panzer Division aided by the Luftwaffe completely destroyed the city of Abbeville, which had been declared an "open city" but which at that time had not included any legitimate military targets, with the exception of a few retreating troops that were on the move. The city had already been destroyed like that of several others in France, Belgium and the Netherlands, and the Blitzkrieg advance in and around Abbeville had left literally thousands of civilian casualties, either injured or killed. On 21 May, the river Somme was crossed in Abbeville, by the enemy forces, after which a German bridgehead was very quickly established. The bridgehead once in place had a radius of about 22 miles, and it leaned against the river Somme and the actual city of Abbeville. With well rehearsed skills, the Germans fortified the area both very well and quickly with trenches, barbed wire entanglements and numerous minefields. A prominent



hill, the Mont de Caubert, controlled all access to the city with a large open ground and an extensive field of fire in front of it. Around the city there are many swamps, which made the area not very well suited for a counter attack by tanks or similar. On the night of 2 June the regiment had their guns in position which was in the open at the top of a bank, with the Command Post and Battery headquarters established approximately in front of the gun-line. On 4 June 1940 an attempt was made by the 51st (Highland) Division, in conjunction with French forces, to break the German bridgehead established in and around Abbeville, commencing at 0330 hours, at which time the battery was charged with the task of laying down a smokescreen to the east of Abbeville, during the screening which was in place until midday 1,600 were fired. Despite the contribution made by all the allied troops at Abbeville on 4 June, their heroic undertaking was not rewarded by a successful outcome. With ammunition of all types running short, on the night of 5 June, 385 Battery was in action at the village of Doudelainville to where it had been withdrawn, which is situated to the south of Huppy, at Doudelainville the position occupied provided more cover, despite which throughout the day the gunners efforts were hampered by the constant attention that was received from enemy aircraft. It was intended to withdraw from Doudelainville during the following day, but orders were received to move to Rambures, where the guns were soon in action. The stay at Rambures was of only of a short duration, as at 0200 hours on 6 June 1940 the guns were moved into the Forest of Eu and to await further orders. During the afternoon another move was made, whilst undertaking the perilous move the battery was bombed, which resulted in three deaths and seventeen woundings, as such it would seem likely that Charles was one of those killed by the German bombers.

**RINTOUL**, Bombardier, DOUGLAS FORGAN, 895904.

Died 26 February 1944. Aged 36.

Born Fifeshire, Scotland. Resided Kent.

Son of George Miller Rintoul and Jemima Henderson Rintoul.

Husband of Eva V. Rintoul of West Wickham, Kent.

Buried Moro River Canadian War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. XII. G. 11.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**ROBERTS**, Gunner, EDWARD, 1083608.

Died between 18 June 1942 and 22 June 1942. Aged 21.

Born and resided Liverpool, Lancashire.

Son of Edward Roberts, and of Mary Roberts of Liverpool, Lancashire.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**ROBINSON**, Gunner, JACK, 981674.

Born 14 April 1943. Aged 26.

Born Huddersfield, Yorkshire. Resided Yorkshire.

Son of Joe and Clara Robinson of Holmfirth, Yorkshire.

Buried Ancona War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. II. G. 10.

**ROGERS**, Gunner, RICHARD JOHN, 1104361.  
Died 19 June 1942. Aged 27.  
Born and resided Swansea, Wales.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**SCOTT**, Gunner, GEORGE ERIC, 946422.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 23.  
Born and resided Lincoln, Lincolnshire.  
Son of Ernest and Miriam Scott.  
Husband of Marjorie Scott of Lincoln, Lincolnshire.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.  
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**SERGEANT**, Gunner, ALFRED ALLAN, 1111029.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 27.  
Born Liverpool, Lancashire. Resided Lancashire.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**SIMS**, Gunner, NORMAN EDWARD GEORGE, 885789.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 30.  
Born Canterbury, Kent. Resided Kent.  
Son of William Albert and Mary Jane Sims.  
Husband of Gladys Mary Sims of Canterbury, Kent.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40, and on the Canterbury, Kent civic war memorial.  
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**SLADEN**, Gunner, NOEL DANVERS, 5829160.  
Died 31 May 1944. Aged 24.  
Born and resided Surrey.  
Son of Francis Danvers Sladen and Ellen Sylvia Sladen of Reigate, Surrey.  
Buried Sangro River War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. XV. D. 27.

**SLOMAN**, Gunner, SIDNEY, 902732.  
Died 18 June 1942. Age 26.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.  
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**SMITH**, Gunner, EDWIN, 915929.  
Died 6 June 1940.  
Born and resided Kent.  
Buried Grandcourt War Cemetery, Seine-Maritime, France. Grave Ref. B, 5.  
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.  
Having been assigned an area near the village of Huppy, to the south of the city of Abbeville, Somme, France in an attempt to stem the Germans. The regiment had been

moved to make way for the guns of the 31st French Divisional Artillery. The 'Battle of Abbeville 1940,' was in fact really three separate battles, but overall was amongst the most intense of the 1940 campaign, and was of ten days duration. On 20 May 1940 as part of the German Blitzkrieg, the German forces, notably the 2nd Panzer Division aided by the Luftwaffe completely destroyed the city of Abbeville, which had been declared an "open city" but which at that time had not included any legitimate military targets, with the exception of a few retreating troops that were on the move. The city had already been destroyed like that of several others in France, Belgium and the Netherlands, and the Blitzkrieg advance in and around Abbeville had left literally thousands of civilian casualties, either injured or killed. On 21 May, the river Somme was crossed in Abbeville, by the enemy forces, after which a German bridgehead was very quickly established. The bridgehead once in place had a radius of about 22 miles, and it leaned against the river Somme and the actual city of Abbeville. With well rehearsed skills, the Germans fortified the area both very well and quickly with trenches, barbed wire entanglements and numerous minefields. A prominent hill, the Mont de Caubert, controlled all access to the city with a large open ground and an extensive field of fire in front of it. Around the city there are many swamps, which made the area not very well suited for a counter attack by tanks or similar. On the night of 2 June the regiment had their guns in position which was in the open at the top of a bank, with the Command Post and Battery headquarters established approximately in front of the gun-line. On 4 June 1940 an attempt was made by the 51st (Highland) Division, in conjunction with French forces, to break the German bridgehead established in and around Abbeville, commencing at 0330 hours, at which time the battery was charged with the task of laying down a smokescreen to the east of Abbeville, during the screening which was in place until midday 1,600 were fired. Despite the contribution made by all the allied troops at Abbeville on 4 June, their heroic undertaking was not rewarded by a successful outcome. With ammunition of all types running short, on the night of 5 June, 385 Battery was in action at the village of Doudelainville to where it had been withdrawn, which is situated to the south of Huppy, at Doudelainville the position occupied provided more cover, despite which throughout the day the gunners efforts were hampered by the constant attention that was received from enemy aircraft. It was intended to withdraw from Doudelainville during the following day, but orders were received to move to Rambures, where the guns were soon in action. The stay at Rambures was of only of a short duration, as at 0200 hours on 6 June 1940 the guns were moved into the Forest of Eu and to await further orders. During the afternoon another move was made, whilst undertaking the perilous move the battery was bombed, which resulted in three deaths and seventeen woundings, as such it would seem likely that Edwin was one of those killed by the German bombers.

**SMITH**, Serjeant, JOHN ERIC, 895216.

Died 20 May 1942. Aged 25.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Eric Francis and Winifred Smith of West Wickham, Kent.

Buried Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref. 23. A. 8.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**SMITH**, Gunner, LEONARD, 981578.

Died 25 April 1945. Aged 25.

Son of George and Emily Smith, of Sheffield, Yorkshire.

Husband of Elizabeth Marion Smith of Woodhouse, Sheffield, Yorkshire.

Buried Sheffield (Woodhouse) Cemetery, Yorkshire.

Grave Ref. Section A. 1. Grave 1215.

**SNOWBALL**, THOMAS POWLEY. Gunner, 866655.

Died between 28 May 1940 and 2 June 1940. Aged 27.

Born and resided Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Son of James Crawford Snowball and Emily Snowball.

Husband of Maisie Elvina Snowball of Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Commemorated on the Dunkirk Memorial, Nord, France. Column 15.

Thomas's CWGC commemoration shows him as serving in the 77 Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, and is possibly indicative of attachment.

**STAFFORD**, Gunner, JOHN THOMAS GRANT, 1104411.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 31.

Born Northumberland. Resided Surrey.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**STROUD**, Driver, CYRIL ALLAN, 914398.

6 June 1940. Aged 20.

Born Kent. Resided Canterbury, Kent.

Son of James White Stroud and Lillian May Stroud of Canterbury, Kent.

Buried Grandcourt War Cemetery, Seine-Maritime, France. Grave Ref. C, 5.

Commemorated on the Canterbury, Kent civic war memorial.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

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**TEW**, Gunner, GEORGE D. F., 1075217.

Died 28 September 1942. Aged 30.

Born South East London. Resided North West London.

Son of Ernest William and A. O. Tew.

Husband of Edith Winifred May Tew of Hendon, Middlesex.

Buried Bari War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. XIV. D. 8.

**THOMAS**, Gunner, DAVID CHARLES, 1088532.

Died 12 November 1944. Aged 32.

Born Cardiff, Wales. Resided Reading, Berkshire.

Son of David Alfred Thomas and Alice Thomas of Reading, Berkshire.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**THOMPSON**, Gunner, HENRY, 766953.

Died 1 July 1942. Aged 34.

Born and resided Cumberland.

Son of John and Mary Elizabeth Thompson.

Husband of Martha Thompson of Smithfield, Cumberland.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**THOMPSON**, Gunner, WILLIAM ARTHUR, 903681.

Died 21 July 1944.

Born and resided Nottingham, Nottinghamshire.

Buried Arezzo War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. IV. C. 26.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**TURNBULL**, Lance Bombardier, ALFRED DOUGLAS, 908521.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Age 24.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Douglas Charles and Beatrice Elizabeth Turnbull of Beckenham, Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**TURNER**, JOHN JAMES, Gunner, 894079.

Died 29 June 1942. Aged 22.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Henry T. Turner and Emma M. Turner of Rusthall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**VERTUE**, KENNETH RONALD. Gunner, 978573.

Died 16 October 1942. Aged 22.

Born Dorsetshire. Resided Kent.

Son of George Arthur and Florence Martha Vertue of Bromley, Kent.

Buried Caserta War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: II. E. 12.

**WATERMAN**, Serjeant, ERNEST HENRY, 838974.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Age 26.

Born South West London. Resided Liverpool, Lancashire.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**WEBB**, G.H. Serjeant. No trace.

**WEIR**, Serjeant, IAN ROBERT, 914393.  
Born South West London. Resided Dover, Kent.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 23.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.  
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**WELCH**, Gunner, MALCOLM CUNNINGHAM, 894136.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 23.  
Born Kircaldy, Fifeshire, Scotland. Resided Kent.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.  
Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**WELCH**, WILLIAM CHARLES. Gunner, 921149.  
Died 13 September 1942. Aged 28.  
Born Hertfordshire 19 December 1913. Resided Hertfordshire.  
Son of William James Welch and Dora Jane Welch.  
Husband of Olive Welch of Stevenage, Hertfordshire.  
Buried Benghazi War Cemetery, Libya. Grave Ref: 7.C.7.  
Commemorated on the Stevenage, Hertfordshire civic war memorial.  
William joined the Hertfordshire Yeomanry on 28 April 1939, prior to being transferred to the 97 Kent Yeomanry following the start of the Second World War. William served in the United Kingdom until 30 August 1941, when the 97 Kent Yeomanry sailed from Glasgow, aboard the 20,000 ton liner SS Orontes of the Orient Line, which was in use as a British troopship, heading for the Middle East. On the 29 June 1942, William was taken prisoner by the Italians, and died of Organic Nephritis three months later in an Italian Field Hospital at Benghazi.

**WELLARD**, Gunner, ERNEST CHARLES, 1104414.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 31.  
Born East London. Resided Devonshire.  
Son of J. and Alice Wellard.  
Husband of Hilda Wellard of Barking, Essex.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**WESLEY**, Gunner, ALAN CLEAVER, 1092158.  
Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 29.  
Born Northamptonshire. Resided Wiltshire.  
Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

**WIGGINGTON**, JAMES EDWARD. Lieutenant, 256938.  
Died 16 December 1944. Aged 25.  
Born South East London. Resided Kent.  
Son of Cyril R. and Ada Dorothy Wigginton of Camberwell, London.  
Buried Forli War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref: I. C. 21.

**WHATFORD**, Gunner, DOUGLAS R., 903251.

Died 12 July 1942. Aged 23.

Born and resided Kent.

Husband of Kathleen Whatford of Groombridge, Sussex.

Buried Caserta War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. III, E, 2.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**WHITE**, Gunner, THOMAS, 1523552.

Died 25 July 1943. Aged 39.

Born and resided Nottingham, Nottinghamshire.

Buried Nicosia War Cemetery, Cyprus. Grave Ref. 1. B. 6.

**WIGGINTON**, Lieutenant, JAMES EDWARD, 256938.

Died 16 December 1944. Aged 25.

Born South East London. Resided Kent.

Son of Cyril R. and Ada Dorothy Wigginton of Camberwell, London.

Buried Forli War Cemetery, Italy. Grave Ref. I, C, 21.

**WILLIAMS**, Gunner, JOHN JOSEPH, 901279.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 23.

Born Shropshire. Resided Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 40.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**WILLIS**, Bombardier, LAWRENCE JAMES. 914395.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Aged 26.

Born South West London. Resided Kent.

Son of William Lawrence Willis and Grace Mary Willis of Beckenham, Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**WILSON**, Gunner, GEORGE, 873452.

Lost in the S.S. Scillin 14 November 1942. Age 24.

Born South West London. Resided Kent.

Commemorated on the Alamein Memorial, Egypt. Column 39.

Pre war member of the Royal Artillery.

**WIX**, Captain, HENRY (Tiger) MAURICE, 63958, M.C.

Died 17 June 1943. Aged 28.

Born and resided Kent.

Son of Ernest Henry and Phyllis Mary Wix of Faversham, Kent.

Buried Nicosia War Cemetery, Cyprus. Grave Ref. 1. B. 4.

Commemorated in the Faversham, Kent, Second World War Book of Remembrance, that is in the safe? keeping of the parish church of St. Mary of Charity, Faversham, Kent.

Pr war member of the Royal Artillery.



**WOOD, R.T.** Gunner. No trace.

**YATES, Gunner, HARRY GEORGE, 1104416.**

Died 27 May 1942. Aged 30.

Born Berkshire. Resided Middlesex.

Son of William and Martha Lydia Yates.

Husband of Joan Marie Yates of Southall, Middlesex.

Buried Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq. Grave Ref. 23. A. 11.

